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N E W S L E T T E R N O : 32 J U N E 93.

WHAT THE MEDIA HAD TO SAY IN APRIL 1992.

REGIONAL NEWSPAPERS :

1.4.92 : HERTFORDSHIRE STAR : JACKIE'S CAR JOURNEY HOME WAS
OUT OF THIS WORLD !
1.4.92 : STOCKPORT EXPRESS : STARSHIP MYSTERY FINALLY SOLVED.
2.4.92 : ST.ALBANS REVIEW : VISITORS FROM...THE PLANET...
RENAULT. (LETTER)
2.4.92 : ST.ALBANS REVIEW : UFO EXPLAINED.
2.4.92 : STOCKPORT TIMES : NO ALIENS IN THIS 'FLYING
SAUCER'.
2.4.92 : VISITOR (THE) : LIGHTING UP OUR SKIES.
2.4.92 : WELWYN & HATFIELD REVIEW : UFO EXPLAINED.
3.4.92 : LYNN NEWS & ADVERTISER : FAMILY BEWILDERED AFTER
SEEING 'UFO'.
4.4.92 : WESTERN MAIL : ALIENS 'SNATCH HUMAN FOR
EXPERIMENTS'.
8.4.92 : ISLINGTON GAZETTE : WE SAW FLYING FLYING SAUCER TOO,
SAY COUPLE.
8.4.92 : LEA VALLEY STAR : MYSTERY SOLVED.
10.4.92 : BOLTON EVENING NEWS : UFO 'COVER-UP' STILL GOES ON.
10.4.92 : WARRINGTON GUARDIAN : UFO SEEN OVER TOWN CENTRE.
10.4.92 : LYNN NEWS & ADVERTISER : MASSIVE UFO SOARS OVER
CAMPBELLS.
14.4.92 : BUCKS FREE PRESS : MET MAN SEES UFO.
14.4.92 : NOTTINGHAM EVENING POST : DID YOU SEE UFOs ?
15.4.92 : ROCHDALE OBSERVER : LITTLE GREY-BLUE MEN IN SHOT
DOWN UFO.
15.4.92 : WESTERN DAILY PRESS : AMOROUS ALIENS CLOSE
ENCOUNTERS.
16.4.92 : SURREY MIRROR : UFO IN REDHILL ?
17.4.92 : BUCKS FREE PRESS : SPOOKY TERRESTRIALS WERE LOT OF
HOT AIR.
17.4.92 : LYNN NEWS & ADVERTISER : MORE UFO MYSTERY.

17.4.92 : NEWTON & GOLBORNE GUARDIAN : UFO SIGHTINGS
DISCOUNTED.

18.4.92 : SCOTSMAN (THE) : PROFESSOR WARNS OF BOGUS
SCIENTIFIC CLAIMS.

18.4.92 : NOTTINGHAM RECORDER : DID YOU SEE UFOS ?

20.4.92 : BOLTON EVENING NEWS : BOOK SETS OUT TO SEND 'EM SKY
HIGH'.

21.4.92 : BIRMINGHAM EVENING MAIL : PAIR IN UFO RIDDLE.

21.4.92 : NOTTINGHAM EVENING POST : UFOS WERE A HOAX.

22.4.92 : CHAD (MANSFIELD) : WHO'S FOOLING WHO. (LETTER)

23.4.92 : ASHTON UNDER LYNE REPORTER : TALK OF ALIENS THIS
WEEKEND. (LETTER)

23.4.92 : NOTTINGHAM EVENING POST : SPY ON THE SKY.

23.4.92 : OXFORD MAIL : INCREASE IN UFO REPORTS.

24.4.92 : STAPLEFORD & SANDIACRE NEWS : UFO SIGHTINGS -
'JUST HOT AIR'.

25.4.92 : SHROPSHIRE STAR : HIDDEN INVASION BY ALIENS
CLAIM.

25.4.92 : LANCASHIRE EVENING POST : MIND GAMES OF SPACE ALIENS.

28.4.92 : WESTERN DAILY PRESS : HOLIDAY JETS CLOSE ENCOUNTER.

28.4.92 : LIVERPOOL DAILY POST : UFO NEAR-MISS SCARE Baffles
THE SCIENTISTS.

29.4.92 : EASTERN DAILY PRESS : DID VETERAN MEET A UFO ?

29.4.92 : EXETER EXPRESS & ECHO : GUILTY DEPUTY HEAD OWNS UP
TO 1960's UFO PRANK.

29.4.92 : LASHAM DAILY PRESS : DID VETERAN MEET A UFO ?

29.4.92 : ROCHDALE OBSERVER : OUT ON A LIMB.

29.4.92 : ROCHDALE OBSERVER : SOMEBODYS HAVING YOU ON.

30.4.92 : YORKS STAR : PLEA FOR RESEARCH INTO HIDDEN
INVASION BY SOPHISTICATED
ALIENS.

CROP CIRCLES :

1.4.92 : EAST ANGLIAN DAILY TIMES : CORN CIRCLE WAS MADE BY
UFOS, SAYS DOCUMENT.

25.4.92 : SWINDON EVENING ADVERTISER : NEW THEORY AMID ALIENS'S
CORN CIRCLES.

TIMES (THE) :

28.4.92 : UFO FAILS TO LIVE UP TO ITS PROMISE.

MAGAZINES :

21.4.92 : WEEKLY WORLD NEWS : CAPTURED ALIEN IS 500 YEARS OLD.

NATIONAL NEWSPAPERS :

5.4.92 : SUNDAY TELEGRAPH : KGB SIGNS UP FOR HOLLYWOOD.
 12.4.92 : SUNDAY MIRROR : THATS NO UFO...THAT'S THE MOST
 SECRET AIRCRAFT IN THE WORLD.
 18.4.92 : DAILY EXPRESS : SPY JET BLAMED IN QUAKE RIDDLE !
 20.4.92 : INDEPENDENT (THE) : BERLINERS SEARCH SKY FOR ALIENS.
 27.4.92 : SUN (THE) : UFO BUZZES PILOTS.
 28.4.92 : DAILY TELEGRAPH : HOLIDAY JET IN UFO NEAR MISS AT
 15,000 FT.
 28.4.92 : GUARDIAN (THE) : AIRLINER ALMOST MAKES ALIEN CONTACT
 OVER SUSSEX SKIES.
 28.4.92 : INDEPENDENT (THE) : AIR CHIEFS SHOOT DOWN UFO THAT
 FLEW OUT OF THE 'SUN'.
 28.4.92 : DAILY MIRROR : HOLIDAY JET'S CLOSE ENCOUNTER WITH A
 UFO.

PRESS CUTTING COLLECTION :

I am keeping a monthly running total of my press cutting collection.If you are after an article(s) for research into a certain sighting etc,then drop me a line and I will see what I have that is relevant to your enquiry :

CROP CIRCLES	:	692
UK NATIONALS	:	858
UK REGIONALS	:	2330
HAMPSHIRE ARTICLES	:	87
NEWSPAPERS UNKNOWN	:	590
MAGAZINE ARTICLES	:	211
REST OF THE WORLD	:	56
SOUTHAMPTON ECHO	:	388
TIMES (THE)	:	135
AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS	:	505
BERMUDA TRIANGLE	:	2
BIG FOOT	:	4
PHILADELPHIA EXPERIMENT	:	1
CATTLE MUTILATIONS	:	13
STEALTH BOMBER/FIGHTER	:	2
FACES ON MARS	:	2
MYSTERY CATS	:	3
AURORA PROJECT	:	3
SEARCH FOR ET	:	2
LOCH NESS MONSTER	:	2

 TOTAL 6401

GENERAL INFORMATION...

USEFUL ADDRESS...

Unexplained Books,
Po Box 1651, Warminster,
Wiltshire, BA14 9XJ.

SLIDES...

I have a list of around 300
slides that can be obtained
from Quest International.
(The list may not be up to
date).

Press/Tv/Radio matters over the past month 15.5.93 - 15.6.93...

Sky Television : 1hr : 18.5.93 : UFO COVER-UP. This was
repeated on the 21.5.93.

Sky Television : 1hr : 5.6.93.

On the 18th May, we saw the re-showing of the great sci-fi film
The Day The Earth Stood Still. 1hr 40mins.

A couple of items from the press :

Focus Magazine : May 93 : The article looks at what life would
look like on other planets. It is a spin off of the programme
shown last December and the search for ET.

The Daily Star : 31.5.93. Kidnapped By Aliens !. The article
looked at the forthcoming release on the film of the ufo
encounter of the lumberjack Travis Walton back in November 75.

Fire In The Sky...

The Pictures : On the 18th of June the film about the Travis
Walton encounter is due to be on general release. I was lucky
enough to get a couple of free tickets to go and see it. I was
also asked along to the press showing on the 13th June and see
the film. But due to having to work, I was not able to see it. It
is on general release at Port Solent, in Portsmouth.

Magazine Review :

In this month's newsletter, I have 10 magazines to take a look at
that I have received over the past 4 weeks.....

1. Enigmas (Strange Phenomena Investigations) : May/June 93.
This is what I consider one of the best magazines on the
current ufo circuit. It is packed with sightings, interviews and
much much more. Some of the things that are covered are :

Nessie, Bonnybridge UFO Update, An interview with Susan Blackmore and more. At £10 per year, it's a must. Details from : Malcolm Robinson, 41 The Braes, Tullibody, Clackmannanshire, Scotland, FK10 2TT. (Ps Malcolm my subs for the next year are enclosed !).

2. Northern Ufo News : No 160, April 1993. As ever, Jenny Randles has produced a magazine packed with sightings, a review of the press, book reviews and much much more. This should be another magazine in the Ufologists collection. At £7 for 6 per year it's great value. Details from : Jenny Randles, 37 Heathbank Road, Cheadle Heath, Stockport, Cheshire, SK3 0UP.

3. Foresight : Number 177 : July - September 93 : This is a nice little magazine containing a couple of articles in relation to the ufo scene. In this edition, the Socorro Saucer is looked at, Project Blue Book and an article on abductions : 3 different opinions. At around £2 per year, it's worth looking at. Details from : Jon Barklam, 44, Brockhurst Road, Hodge Hill, Birmingham, B36 8JB.

4. World Ufo Journal : Issue no.3 : This again, is one of those magazines that I suggest you get hold of. It is packed with articles, press cuttings and much much more. Details from Edward Harris, 16 Newton Green, Great Dunmow, Essex, CM6 1DU. Please enclose a S.A.E for a reply.

5. Circular Review : no 1 and no 2. Produced by the East Midlands branch of the Centre for Crop Circle Studies. This is a new magazine to me and I must admit, I was very impressed with its presentation, layout and its contents. At present it is a monthly magazine and is well worth obtaining. Details via Circular Review, 62 New Terrace, Pleasley, Mansfield, Nottingham, NG19 7PY.

6. Circles Research News Sheet : March 1993. This is produced by Maria Ward at £7 for 4. I found this was very interesting to read and looked at such things as 1992 field experiments with Neon Bulbs. Also, there is an article about Kirlian Photography. Details from : Maria Ward, 1 Louvain Road, Greenhithe, Kent, DA9 9DY.

7. Ovni : May 93 : Produced by Omar Fowler group leader of Phenomenon Research Association. This contained a look at the crop circles so far in 1993 (see last month's newsletter), a report from the past, and an article from Pat Delgado. Price per copy is £1 including postage. Details from : Omar Fowler, 12 Tilton Grove, Kirk Hallam, Ilkeston, Derbyshire, DE7 4GR.

8. Scan : Spring 1993. Although this is not a Ufo magazine as such, I thought I would give it a quick mention. The magazine looks at such items as mystery cats, zoofarm phenomena, sea serpents, and a news file that mentions the European parliamentary uproar in February over an EC observation centre.

At £5 per year,worth looking into.Details from : Jan Williams,
72 Leek Road,Congleton,Cheshire,CW12 3HU.

9. Circular : vol 3 no 1 April 92 & vol 3 no 2 July 92 : I
know its a bit late to review this,but I recently received
copies of them.Packed with news,views,articles on the crop
circles,I still think it is the best magazines on the subject,
but obviously this is a personal view.Such things cover include
the famous trilling noise.

10. The Cerealogist : No 5 - 8 : Again,I have just obtained
these copies and I thought it was worth a mention.No 8
is the current winter edition 1993.It has a number of
articles,and looks at crop circles abroad,as well as in this
country.It also looks at the 1992 competition on and images of
1992.

Costs £7.50 per year.Details from : Specialist Knowledge
Services,Saint Aldhelm,20 Paul Street,Frome,Somerset,BA11 1DX.

One final thing to mention,I have obtained a copy of the
Report on close encounters of the 5th kind : contact in
Southern England July 1992,by Steven Greer.It is the report of
the CSETI set up in Wiltshire and the possible encounter of
ufos.The 22 page report was very interesting to read and if you
can get hold of a copy,it is well worth a read.

U F O H O T L I N E S.

Charges : 36p Standard Rate. 48p Peek Rate. (Per Minute).

Bufora Weekly News Update : 0898 121 886.

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721 5035 from 20.00 - 0800 WST (U.S.A).

Reporting/Information Services Functions from 0800 - 20.00 also
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Or you could try :

Astronet : Bob Fletcher, 2/35 Cash St,Kingsbury,Victoria,
Australia.

BBS : +61-3-467-8090 VOICE : +61-3-467-8065.2

Second Hand books for Sale.

Unidentified Flying Objects - Robert Chapman. (1970) PBK.
50p plus postage.

The Bermuda Triangle Mystery - Solved. - Lawrence Kusche.
(1975). PBK.
50p plus postage.

Terrestrial Connection (Presented by Richard C. Hoagland to the
United Nations). Price £15 Incl p & p. Write to : David Percy,
25 Belsize Park, London, NW3 4DV.

Subscription Details.

The newsletter consists of no less than 4 double-sided A4
pages. Also, newscuttings that may be of interest to the reader.
In the summer months, around April, an extra page is included to
cover any crop circle news.

The newsletter costs £5 per year (including postage) and is :

***** M O N T H L Y *****

A couple of dates to put in the diary for 1993 :

The IUN conference in Sheffield 14/15 August.
contact Stewart Smith on Burnley (0282) 424837.
accommodation : around £35 per night. £8 per day conference
entry free.

Ufo magazine & Quest International :
Ufo congress 1993 on 25th September in Leeds. 11am - 7.00pm.
Prices : Adult £7. Under 16 : £3.50.
Contact : Quest International : 18, Hardy Meadows, Grassington,
Skipton, N. Yorkshire.. BD23 5LR.

Aug 7 - 8 : 3rd WORLD UFO CONGRESS : Sheraton Hotel, Heathrow,
London, (details : 081 4559418 Or 0756 752847.)
Prices : Around £75 per night. £15 per day conference entry
fee. Gala meal : £26.00.

The Seventh International Ufo Congress : The Ufo Congress.
To be held at the University of Bristol : Saturday 24th and
Sunday 25th July 1993. Presented by BUFORA.

1993 CROP CIRCLE SEASON UPDATE.

Below are the formations that as far as I have heard, have been found up until the beginning of June 93 :

1. First formation of 1993 was found at Salford, Cainshame.
A circle with 7 satellites, found in a field behind a pub.
muddy footprints were found on some of the stalks.

probable Hoax.
2. Newton St Leo, nr Bath : An 80ft dia ring, with a line of 7 & group of 4 2ft rings in wheat.

probable Hoax.
3. Ivanhoe nr Tring, Buckinghamshire : A 30ft broad ring in oil seed rape.
4. Leyton Buzzard, Bedfordshire : Large single circle in a green crop.
5. Near Wantage : Circle in Oil Seed rape.
6. Alton Barnes, Wiltshire : A single circle found in the corner of a field out of sight. Probable genuine circle.

In an article from the Sussex Circular, by Andy Thomas, there was a report of a circle, 1 mile wide, in a field in Spain. The circle was found at the end of 1992. If you walked around the rings making up the circle, it was estimated, you would walk about 10 miles.

(explain this one Mr Meaden !!!!!!!...ED).

Following recent correspondence with Jan Williams of SCAN dated 15.5.93, Jan was kind enough to draw my attention to the following report :

3 crop circles found in Exmour last year, although they were not reported extensively. The 3 circles were in a line, and occurred within a week. All three were large, with tripodal discs around them, and all produced positive results when dowsed. Two were in cereal crops, but the third was in heather. according to an eye witness, could not of been hoaxed.

Does anyone else know of this formation or have any press reports relating to it. If you do, I would like to hear from you.

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NORTHERN UFO NEWS.

C/O JENNY RANGLES,
37 HEATHBANK ROAD,
CHEADLE HEATH,
STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE,
SK3 0UP.

WORLD UFO JOURNAL,
C/O EDWARD HARRIS,
16 NEWTON GREEN,
GREAT DUNMOW, ESSEX,
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Your reference

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15 May 1993

Dear Mr Gerrard,

Your letter dated 27 April has been passed to this office, as the focal point for all enquiries about UFOs. I am sorry that you have not received a reply to your earlier letter: I have not received this, and can only assume that it has gone astray.

Any UFO report made by a pilot should be sent to us, although reports are filed according to the date of the sighting, with no separate records being kept of the profession of witnesses. If you are investigating a specific sighting, and let us know the details, we will send you a copy of any report we have.

You mentioned a specific case involving a Boeing 737 aircraft; in fact, the pilot reported this incident as an airmiss, as opposed to making a UFO report. I have attached a copy of the CAA's report into this incident, which was prepared by the Joint Airmiss Section.

I hope this is helpful.

AIRMISS REPORT No. 75/91

	Type	Operator	Alt/FL	Assessed Met Conditions
Date/Time:	151745 Jul			
Reporting Aircraft:	B737	CAT	FL 140	VMC 40 km
Reported Aircraft:	Black Lozenge Shaped Object			
Position:	N5042N E0044 (30 NM SE MAY)			
Airmiss Type:	CTA			

PART A: SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REPORTED TO JAS

THE B737 PILOT reports that he was inbound to Gatwick and in communication with London control on 128.4 while squawking with Mode C. He was heading 308° and descending through FL 140 at 355 kt with visibility in the region of 40 km. His FO saw a small black lozenge shaped object about 500 m ahead of the ac and at the same level. Within the space of about 1.5 sec it passed very close, less than 100 yd away, down the port side of the ac and, at the most, 30 ft above the level of the wing. He informed London Control, via the RT, who reported seeing a small primary radar contact astern of the ac. No impact or disturbance was felt on the ac and no damage was observed during a post flight inspection. He assessed the risk of collision as high.

ATC AT LATCC reports that during a moderate traffic loading on the BIG/EAS CCF sector the B737 pilot reported an object passing his ac in the opposite direction at a high closing speed. The B737 was inbound to Gatwick via the Eastwood stack and passing the BEXIL way point. He was descending through 15,000 ft and thought the object may have been a balloon, or part of, describing it as black and about 19 inches wide. The SC reports that a primary return was seen about 10 NM behind the B737 heading SE at about 100 kt. A following ac was given traffic information and avoiding turns to the left to avoid the primary return, which had appeared to change heading towards it, but its pilot reported seeing nothing. The DVR CSC was also advised of the facts in order that inbound traffic could be given vectors to avoid the area.

JAS Notes

1. A Meteorological balloon was released from Crawley at 1719 on this particular day, it was light brown in colour and was trailing a silvery mesh triangle. Twenty six minutes after release (1745) it was at 27,000 ft bearing 085.76° and at a range of 30 km from Crawley. It ascended through 15,000 ft 13 min after release (1732) when it was bearing 097.6° and at a range of 17 km. There was a sharp inversion between 4000-5000 ft where the temperature rose from +8° to +12°. The top of convection was at 4500 ft, above this was a very dry area up to about 15,000 ft. Wind velocity at 14,000 ft - 305/25, 10,000 ft - 295/25.

2. AIS(Mil) undertook very thorough tracing action but could reach no positive conclusion. Their radar replay did show a primary return in the general area but it was seen to move about like a light ac or helicopter at low level. No Met or other balloons could be traced which having been released could have reached this area/time nor which could have appeared black. The only possible exception to this was that some hot-air balloon pilots launch small balloons which can be followed with a device called a "Wind Tracker". One balloon pilot contacted had released balloons on the 6th/7th July but then not again until the 19th. On the 21st he tracked one of his black balloons to 7200 ft before he lost sight of it and he assumed they could go much higher than this. The CAA SRG is well aware of this use of balloons; they and others of similar size (less than 2 m) are exempted from most restrictions of the ANO by Article 109(a). The object seen by the B737 pilot must be considered as untraced.

PART B: SUMMARY OF THE WORKING GROUP'S DISCUSSIONS

The only information available to the Working Group was the report from the pilot of the B737, photographs from the radar recordings, and reports from the appropriate ATC and operating authorities.

A member commented that the number of sightings of balloons and other unidentified objects seem to have become more prevalent in the S and SE of the country. Members took note of the AIS(M) comment on the primary return seen in the general area of the airmiss as being more akin to the movement of a light ac or helicopter at low level. They were at a loss to identify the reported object since its shape and behaviour did not seem to fit any recognisable piece of aviation equipment, while the temperature inversion made it unlikely that something like a piece of black polythene could have been carried to that level. It was agreed that this airmiss was best described as a confliction between the B737 and the unidentified object. Whilst members were unsure what damage could have occurred had the object struck the B737 the general opinion was that there had been a possible risk of collision.

PART C: ASSESSMENT OF RISK AND CAUSE

Degree of Risk

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